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OUETTA: Caretaker Provincial Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki enquiring about health of a child during his visit to Children Hospital

Governor calls for taking sensitive situation of Wadh serious; finding sustainable solution to issue

Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar says tribes can't afford more tribal disputes, hatred; seeks cooperation of religo8us leaders, political and social elders and other key segments to play role

Independent Report

QUETTA: The Governor Balochistan, Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar has called for taking sensitive situa-tion of Wadh serious and finding sustainable solution

The Governor said that nationalities and tribes settled in Balochistan can't afford more tribal clashes, hatred and disputes, therefore, the religious leaders, social personalities, political elders should play their wholehearted role to resolve the issue in the best interest of

The Governor was day speaking on occasion of his meeting with chief of Balochistan National Party (BNP), Sardar Akhtar Mengal whom he met at his residence in Tehsil Wadh, Khuzdar on Sunday.

The Governor visited Wadh especially to meet the BNP chief and discussed with him the situation of Wadh, latest political situation of the province and other matters of mutual in-

The Governor was concerned about the situation of Wadh saying that the situation is worsening in Wadh with every passing masses.

He pointed out that the routine business has been badly affected at the local level while the children and women are facing mental agony.
Moreover, students

and patients are also suf-fering due to the situation in Wadh, he maintained.

He said that if the steps were not taken to improve the situation in Wadh, then it may intensify the situation in Balochistan.

The Governor said that it is responsibility of the government to protect life and property of the



QUETTA: Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami Sirajul Haq addressing a protest gathering against the hike electricity and petrol prices in front of Governor House

"Fighting for common men's rights and problems":

Ameer JI demands of rulers to take back increase in prices of petrol, electricity immediately

Sirajul Haq says we want such Pakistan, which is free of corruption, poverty, ignorance and injustice; vows to continue struggle till the end

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OUETTA: The central Ameer of Jama'at-e-Islami, Sirajul Haq has put forth immediate demand to the government to take back increase made in the prices of petrol and petroleum products and electricity tariffs in the country, otherwise, the JI's struggle would remain continued in future. He asserted that we want such Pakistan which is free of corruption, povand other evils.

He said that when there is no price-hike in the countries around us including India, Iran, Nepal and Afghanistan, then why it (inflation) is in Pakistan and why the people are suffering from it.

He also said that he respects all those who follow and obey the law and constitution of the country. He lamented that the

erty, ignorance, injustice of people of the country miserable and it has become very difficult for them to make their both ends meet. He also described the inflation as artificial and bogus which he vehemently re-

> This and similar other views were expressed by the JI Ameer while addressing protest sit-in against the inflation here at the Jaffar Khan Jamali road near Governor House on Sun

inflation has made the life day evening GoB rejects BNP leaders allegations about grand operation in Wadh

QUETTA: The Balochistan government has firmly rejected the allegations made by BNP-Mengal Leader Agha Hassan Baloch regarding an alleged grand operation in Wadh. In a statement issued on Sunday, the government said that the allegations were baseless and that efforts had been made to defuse the situation. The statement also said that Sardar Akhtar Mengal, the BNM-Mengal Leader, had been consulted and informed about the matter on separate occasions and to which he gave his consent.

The statement further said that Sardar Mengal had suggested two representatives from his party to attend meetings, but that these representatives had failed to attend and had disregarded the instructions of their Party Chief. The statement said that this raised questions about their loyalty and adherence to

The statement called on Sardar Mengal to investigate why his instructions had not

been followed by his representatives, as it may indicate a loss of control over his party. The statement assured that no grand operation would be conducted, as maintaining law and order was of utmost importance to the government.

The statement added that, despite any differences, the government held great re

CM invites "angry" Balochs to join national mainstream; ready to prepare effective policy for them

Mir Ali Mardan Domki says all political parties to be taken into confidence by convening consultation meeting once ECP announces general election date; reiterates interim govt.'s resolve to provide conductive environment for polls

Independent Report

Balochistan, Mir Ali once against invited the "angry" Balochs to come and join national mainstream. He said that he once again invites "angry" Baloch to come and join national mainstream and we are ready to prepare an effective for them eral elections. He asserted (angry Balochs).'

Minister said that all security agencies are working with determination to fully restore peace and maintain government's writ in the Minister was speaking in a

Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar has

said that the elections will

be held in the new year it-

self, the army has nothing to do with the general elec-

General elections can be

In an interview to the

held without Chairman PTI

and his jailed associates in-

volved in illegal activities.

American news agency,

Anwarul Haq Kakar said

that fair elections can be

held even without the chair-

man PTI and hundreds of

workers of his party who

are in jail for involvement

in vandalism and illegal ac-

be held in the new year it-

KARACHI (APP): Care-

taker Federal Minister for

Information and Broadcast-

ing Murtaza Solangi said on

Sunday that all political

parties should have full free-

dom to contest elections. In

his speech at Radio Paki-

stan Karachi, he said it was

clear in the Constitution

try will be run by elected

representatives. "State me-

dia should not support or

rectives to the official me-

dia to give fair coverage to

the registered political par-

ISLAMABAD (APP):

Caretaker Federal Minister

for Health Dr. Nadeem Jan

on Sunday appealed to par-

ents to get their children

vaccinated against various

deadly diseases. In a video

message about immuniza-

tion of children, the minis-

ter said that effective mea-

sures are being taken to en-

The minister issued di-

ties. It was the responsibil- and this was his dream.

Parents appealed to

vaccinate children

against diseases

oppose any political party,'

Murtaza Solangi said.

that the system of the coun-

tervention in the elections to the law.

Elections will be held

in year, army nothing to

do with elections: PM

NEW YORK (Online): is not true, the army has

Caretaker Prime Minister nothing to do with the gen-

said that the elections will to be held on time and those

self, while the military in- will be dealt with according

All political parties

should have freedom to

contest elections: Solangi

eral elections.

oppose him?

tablish conducive environ-OUETTA: The caretaker ment for the general elections Minister as it is the mandate of interim government to con-Mardan Khan Domki has duct free and fair elections in peaceful environment. He said that the meet-

ing of all political parties would be called for consultation once the Election Commission of Pakistan announced the date of genthat the provincial govern-The caretaker Chief ment would extend wholehearted assistance to the ECP for conducting free and fair elections.

The caretaker Chief province. He said that it is programme of state-run TV

The Caretaker Prime

Minister said that the Elec-

tion Commission is respon-

sible for conducting the vot-

ing while the current head

of the Election Commission

is appointed by the Chair-

man PTI, so why would he

He also said that no

ersonal vendetta is being

taken from anyone, action will be taken according to

law, be it Chairman PTI or any other politician wants

to American TVCNN,

that the elections are sure

who influence the election

ity of the caretaker govern-

ment to provide a condu-

cive environment for trans-

parent elections, Murtaza

Solangi maintained. He said

that the government was

working for the betterment

of Radio Pakistan and that

its broadcast should be digi-

he would try to solve radio

problems under legal and

constitutional powers. He

assured that he would use

his available time for the

solution of problems. The

minister said that Radio

Pakistan should meet the

demands of the modern age

He said that the minis-

Dr Nadeem Jan said,

"Innocent children are our

future and they need regu-

lar medical care particularly

their safety against various

diseases through regular

try of Health is determined

to ensure universal health

Murtaza Solangi said

Anwar-ul-Haq Kakar said

Earlier, in an interview

supremacy of law.

our utmost endeavour to es- (PTV) Quetta on Sunday.

Mir Ali Mardan Domki spoke at length about the priorities of the provincial government, problems being faced, government steps being taken to address them, talks with the "angry" Balochs and other issues. The caretaker Chief Minister maintained that around 75 percent portion of the province's budget is spent on the non-development expenditures, salaries and pensions while only 25 percent budget is allocated for the development purposes. Even this 25 percent budget is also not utilized accurately, adding

As a result the general public is still deprived of the basic amenities like education, health and clean drinking water in the prov-

Referring the antisaid that wholehearted action is continued against the smuggling in collaboration with the federal government departments.

ince, he added.

He said that a very fewer people are associated with the smuggling, while big groups have become billionaire through smuggling.

However, prevention of smuggling is very im- be answerable to the people.

portant, the caretaker

Chief Minister asserted. He said that we have issued directives to the administrative secretaries to ensure transparency in recruitment process. He said smuggling initiatives, the that it is our utmost encaretaker Chief Minister deavour not to deprive anyone of one's due right and every deserving person gets one's right. Mr. Domki said that we would do our best to bring positive reforms in the public service delivery institutions in the time we have. It would be better if the coming government may continue the process of reforms, otherwise, it would



WADH: Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar meeting with President Balochistan National Party Sardar Akhtar Jan Mengal at his residence

Mercury drops to 10 degree **Celsius in Quetta**

QUETTA (INP): Blowing cold winds in Quetta and on Sunday morning, announcing about upcoming winter in the region.

Temperatures going down in the morning and evening times in Quetta, Balochistan's capital city, as people have started keeping fans off.

The Met Office recorded minimum temperature in Quetta 10 degree Celsius in the morning today, while the maximum temperature remained 27 degree Celsius.

SC orders to compile list of conflicting decisions of high courts

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan has ordered to compile lists of conflicting decisions of the High Courts.

The Registrar Office of the SC has issued an important circular in the matter of discrepancies in the judgments of the five high courts and the circular has asked to prepare lists of judgments based on discrepancies.

According to the circular, appeals against the decisions of the high courts are pending in the SC. A number of inconsistencies have been identified in the challenged decisions of the high courts.

One dead as two vehicles collide in Quetta

QUETTA (INP): A man was killed after two vehicles collided with each other on Quetta's Airport Road on Sunday, police

Naimat Ullah lost his life in the fatal accident. The body was shifted to a state hospital for legal formali-

Israel ties depend on national, Palestinian interests: FM

Jilani responds to Israeli FM's claims that up to 7 Muslim countries would make peace with Israel following Saudi deal

ISLAMABAD (INP). Pakistan's decision to recognise Israel will be determined by its national interests and those of Palestinians, according to Caretaker Foreign Minister Jalil Abbas Jilani, who also said he didn't meet his Israeli counterpart on the sidelines of UN General Assembly

session in New York. Jilani was responding to claims by the Israeli Foreign Minister that 6 or 7 Muslim countries would make peace with the Jewish State if Saudi Arabia-Israel deal goes through.

Foreign Minister Eli Cohen told Israel's KAN

News on Friday that up to seven more Muslim countries could make peace with Israel if the Jewish State signs a peace agreement with Saudi Arabia. Speaking to the outlet

immediately following Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech at the United Nations General Assembly, in which he touted a "new Middle East" where Israel and Saudi Arabia enjoyed diplomatic ties, Cohen said that "peace with Saudi Arabia means peace with the greater Muslim world." Jilani, however, said he didn't meet his Israeli counterpart.

20 injured as two trains collide near Ferozewala

FEROZEWALA (INP): At least 20 passengers have been injured as a result of a horrific collision between two trains near Ferozewala

According to details, the Mianwali Express collided with a goods train stationed at Qila Sattar Shah station in the Ferozewala area, as a result of which 20 passengers



Express with goods train near Qilla Sattar Shah railway station

CS directs to complete QDP within stipulated time

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OUETTA: The Chief Secretary Balochistan, Shakeel Oadir Khan has directed the concerned high ups to comnlete all the development projects of Quetta Development Package within the stipulated time. The Chief Secretary said that Quetta development Package is going to be a milestone for development of Quetta city as these projects are very important to facilitate the people. The Chief Secretary was on his visit to Quetta plant.

city for inspection of different development projects being executed under the Quetta Package, here on Sunday. The Commissioner Quetta, Muhammad Hamza Shafqaat and Deputy Commissioner Quetta, Saad were also accompanied with the

Chief Secretary. The Chief Secretary inspected the projects including Sabzal road, Sariab road, Eastern and Western bypass, Haza Ranji bus terminal and water treatment



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World Cup squad

The stress was on continuity — trusting and backing players who had been with the team—as Pakistan's squad for the World Cup was named on Friday. One change came due to Naseem Shah's injury, depriving Pakistan of a chance to play their fearsome pace trident comprising the young fast bowler, Shaheen Shah Afridi and Haris Rauf at the tournament in India. Hasan Ali, who last played a One-Day International for Pakistan in June 2022, has been drafted in place of Naseem with chief selector Inzamam-ul-Haq crediting his ability to bowl with both the new and old ball as the reason for his inclusion. Hasan will have his work cut out for him as a replacement for Naseem, who not only took wickets but was also Pakistan's most economical bowler at the recent Asia Cup. There are no major surprises otherwise, with Pakistan's think tank opting to retain spin-bowling all-rounders Shadab Khan and Mohammad Nawaz, despite their struggle to make an impact at the Asia Cup, where the challenge from Babar Azam's charges ended at the Super Four stage. Inzamam, a member of the squad that won the ODI World Cup in 1992, said he hoped the duo would do well but didn't specify how. Similar is the case of opener Fakhar Zaman, who will go to India, despite a poor performance at the

For the World Cup campaign, Pakistan are hoping that things fall in place. It wasn't like this, though, before the Asia Cup, where Pakistan went in as the world's top-ranked ODI side. A thrashing at the hands of India and the narrow loss to Sri Lanka were the reality check the team needed. Pakistan have a history of going to tournaments with doubts hanging over their heads, only to overcome the odds and shine their way through. It is, therefore likely that they will overcome Naseem's injury as well as form issues to do that again.

Lavish diplomacy



Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry

Earlier this month, India hosted, with gaudy fanfare, the 18th meeting of the G20. The outcome was an 83-paragraph declaration, which called for green development and inclusive growth, but broke no new ground. The declaration deplored the aggression against Ukraine but did not name Russia. Ukraine was irri-

However, it was not the substance but the optics and pomp and show that appeared to have been the host's top priority India used the occasion to build its global stature, project itself as a leader of the Global South, and deepen inroads into the Muslim world. By hosting the G20

summit, and, earlier, the SCO meetings, and playing an active role in expanding BRICS, India wants to send a message that a country, which is the world's most populous, with the fifth largest economy and a large democracy (Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindutva policies notwithstanding), should be a permanent member of the UN Security Council, an objective India has pursued for many decades in cooperation with Brazil, Germany and Japan.

This diplomatic extravaganza has, however, not been without its encumbrances. In order to showcase a 'shining' Inshanty

neighbourhoods were hurriedly erased, displacing thousands of Indians. The initiative to host a preparatory G20 meeting, related to tourism, in occupied Kashmir also backfired as several G20 countries declined to participate

due to Kashmir's dis- Tanchum, who wrote a

More notably, Xi Jinping chose to stay away from the summit, the first time a Chinese president has done so. This reflects the tensions that still persist between India and China, and the latter's growing discomfort with forums dominated by the

India is struggling to balance its strategic partnership with the US with its cooperation with Russia and China. As for India's claim to a permanent seat at the UNSC, the opposition of a group of several important countries called 'Uniting for Consensus', as well as the African group, is likely to remain the main stumbling

chose for the summit 'One Earth, One Family, One Future' seems to have been designed to appeal to the developing world. India also tried to present itself as a voice of the Global South by proposing to invite the African Union to be a permanent G20 member. During the summit, India liaised closely with Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa some of the leading lights

of the Global South.

Interestingly, the most noted outcome of the event was an initiative that was not part of the summit's agenda or its declaration but a separate MOU signed on the sidelines, outlining a plan to create an India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). Announcing the initiative, PM Modi was flanked by the US president and Saudi crown prince and other

heads of state. The corri-

dor is intended to enhance

trade connectivity and

economic integration by

linking railways, ports, elec-

tricity and data networks. The idea of a possible economic corridor between India and Europe through the Middle East was first floated in 2021 by Spanish scholar Michael

paper titled India's Arab-Mediterranean Corridor: A Paradigm Shift in Strategic Connectivity to Europe. Last February, the UAE president is reported to have suggested this concept to the US president The US lent its full support to the idea to counter-balance China's Belt & Road Initiative, enable India to make inroads into the Middle East, and facilitate Arab-Israeli normalisation.

Details of the initia-

tive are still unclear. A map floated by the UAE (which erroneously shows the disputed territory of Jammu & Kashmir as part of India) indicates a route from Mumbai to Dubai, then over the Saudi and Jordanian landmass to the The theme India Israeli port of Haifa, and then through the Mediterranean Sea to the Greek port of Piraeus. This is a cumbersome multimodal route, easier envisaged than implemented. China has reacted cautiously. It knows that the IMEC can hardly challenge the BRI which has already connected 155 countries. It is worth recalling that the earlier US-led initiatives of Indo-Pacific Economic Framework and the Build Back Better World had also failed to take off. Turkiye, too, expressed its reservations regarding the IMEC and backed an alternative route connecting the Gulf to Turkiye through Iraq.

India's attempt to use the G-20 event for self-aggrandizement seems to have run into further problems as Canada has officially called it out for arranging, through its state agents, the murder of a Canadian Sikh inside Canada. It is time India's leadership recognises there are limits to hubris and it cannot stand tall by indulging in acute discrimina tion against non-Hindu minorities at home and violating all norms of international law abroad. -

- Courtesy Dawn

Wilting in the wilderness



Ghazi Salahuddin

Oh, to be young, Poets, writers and philosophers have celebrated this magical phase in one's life. A young person, anywhere and in any surroundings, would personify hope and adventure.But what does it mean to be young in Pakistan in the present times? This is the question I have frequently posed to any group of young people that I get the opportunity to interact with. That also means that I have taken up this subject on previous occasions. And I have to say it again that every encounter I have had with the young, particularly those who come from the supposedly educated middle class, has pushed me down in the dumps.

By way of a disclaimer, I must confess that I have been a proclaimed pessimist for many years and my disillusionment with the youth of Pakistan may have deepened because of my loss of hope in the future of this society. Anyhow, the propensity of the young to seek their future not in this but in some foreign country is increasing at such a pace that I find my pessimistic outlook resoundingly vindicated.

This, to be sure, is a general observation not deserving of specific and exclusive attention. However, I have noticed a number of news items this week that somehow relate to the young. I feel that it is important to probe their relevance to the evolving situation in this country. These are matters that would affect the lives of the young.

Where do I begin? The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) released,

on Tuesday, the latest statistics that showed that more than 21 million voters have been added to the electoral rolls since the last general elections. There should be no surprise in this because the youth bulge is a reality, but the issue is whether the new young voters can have an impact on the country's

It is to be noted that the gender gap among voters has reduced with the addition of 11.74 million women voters compared to 9.28 million male voters. The overall gender gap, however, is still there. Given the low voter turnout in our elections, there is little expectation that the young voters will really make a difference. When we talk about

young voters, young women do not readily come to our mind. In a larger context, we see women on the campuses and in some workplaces. But we do not see them walking in the streets, breathing fresh air in open spaces and generally making their presence felt. Young women live a suppressed life, with consequences also in a moral sense. After all, the young have their passions and suppression is sure to bring up mental health is-

Very briefly, I have to share my understanding of the young being largely removed from the realities of the national state of affairs. They have been depoliticized. Despite the wave that rose on social media, the impression that Imran Khan was able to mobilize the youth was not certified by the long marches and 'jail bharo' stratagems. Besides, many supporters may have been disheartened after the setback suffered by the PTI.

Without interpreting its sociological allusions, I will mention the report that with the death of a wounded robbery victim in Karachi on Wednesday, the number of people killed by the street criminals dur-

sider the fact that this century was scored in only the city of Karachi and only in the arena of street crime. I had read somewhere that when a society is destabilized, the young have three options: political activism, drugs and crime. There is very little evidence of the young raising the banner of a revolution, though inflation and unemployment and lack of social justice have apparently set the stage for this option. Crime, we can see, is rising. So is drug addiction. A family we were friends with has emigrated solely because of their knowledge of how drugs are spreading in elite educational institutions, and they have a teenage son. We have also been told, almost as a matter of routine, that a certain percentage of children under five are stunted because of lack of adequate nourishment. This was so a number of years ago. This is so now. This percentage has stayed around 40. Isn't this a scary thought that these stunted children, with also cognitive deficiencies, grow up? What do they do? Where do they go? It would be instructive to study the faces that constitute a mob in a bazaar. In an overpopulated country, their number is bound to be in the mil-

ing this yet unfinished

year has reached 100. Con-

My lament is that the young who are technically well educated and visibly well fed also seem to be wandering in some kind of a wilderness. Exceptions aside, you may encounter the likes of them on any campus of a public university. By the way, the teachers of the University of Karachi began their boycott of classes from Friday. The concerns they have may be genuine, but I wonder what nearly 40,000 students and hundreds of teachers will do when there are no classes. Will they find time to, say, read a book? Courtesy TheNews

Commerce News

CM Naqvi says: **Punjab endeavouring** to benefit from Chinese technology, expertise

Independent Report Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi has said that Punjab would harness technology and expertise from China across all

Interacting with media outside the Hazrat Mian Mir shrine, Naqvi emphasised that during his visit to China along with a 15-member delegation rackdown is ongoing comprising provincial against hoarding, and daily ministers and high-ranking actions are being taken.

officials the discussions However, people are still centered

technology.

The CM said they planned to utilise Chinese technology and expertise in the various fields, adding that they also secured cooperation from the Hazrat Mian Mir, and laid Chinese team to combat

In reply to a query,

only on not returning to the markets.'

Earlier, the caretaker CM attended a ceremony held to mark the beginning of the 400th celebrations of the saint a wreath at the shrine. He also laid

foundation stone for a 'langar khana' (free kitchen) to be established with the cooperation of the Medina Foundation.

Pink eye cases surge in Lahore: 85 new infections reported

LAHORÊ (APP): The provincial metropolis is currently grappling with a significant rise in cases of Pink Eye during the ongoing rainy

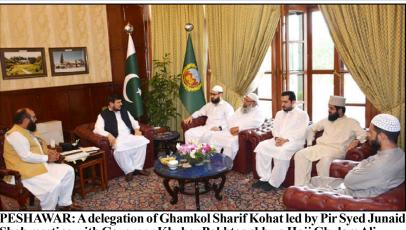
The health department officials reported 85 new cases of conjunctivitis, commonly known as Pink Eye, within the past 24

People afflicted with this infection are finding it difficult to venture outdoors due to the adverse effects of sunlight and dust on their eyes.

Noted eye surgeon Dr. Intzar Hussain Butt, shared his recommendations with the APP, urging affected individuals to use prescribed eye drops, cold water, and tissues for eye cleansing.

Dr. Butt explained that conjunctivitis is an inflammation or infection of the transparent membrane, known as the conjunctiva, which lines the eyelid and covers the eye-

He emphasized the importance of avoiding physical contact with infected individuals and refraining from sharing personal items such as handkerchiefs, pillows, and makeup.



Shah meeting with Governor Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Haji Ghulam Ali.

Ningxia, Punjab govts signs two sister cities agreements

province, China and Governments of Punjab have signed two agreements during visit of Punjab's caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi to China.

These agreements established Sahiwal & Wuzhong, as well as Bahawalpur & Zhang Wei, as sister cities. The signing ceremony

took place in Yinchuan, the capital of Ningxia province, with Minister for Industry and Agriculture SM Tanvir representing the Punjab government, according to Gwadar Pro. The ceremony was attended by provincial ministers Azfar Ali Nasir and Ibrahim Hasan Murad, as well as Secretary Finance Mujahid Sherdil, alongside senior officials from Ningxia.

LAHORE (INP): Ningxia and friendly ties between Bahawalpur, Sahiwal, and their Chinese counterparts. Under the terms of the

agreement, understanding collaboration will be promoted through the exchange of delegations and cooperation efforts. Additionally, the sister cities will extend support to each other across various sectors, including the fields of economy, trade, science, and technology.

Furthermore, senior officials and line departments from these sister cities will share expertise and engage in reciprocal visits.

Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi expressed his warm welcome to these agreements and recognized their significance in the These agreements are context of Pakistan-China aimed at fostering strong relations.

Weather turns pleasant in parts of Punjab after light rain

LAHORE (INP): The weather turned pleasant in several cities of Punjab including Lahore as light rain lashed in parts of the province.

Lahore was under dark clouds since morning and metropolitan also witnessed drizzle in many areas including Abbott Road, Shimla Pahari, Garhi Shahu and Mall Road. The rain also lashed in

Faisalabad, Chiniot, Sahiwal, Sheikhupura, Kasur, Okara and Patoki. The weather also turned pleasant in Bhowana, Sharaqpur and Lalian after light rain.

The low-laying areas were inundated while electricity remained suspended in many areas due to the tripping of several feeders.

pledges development for merged districts Independent Report expressed optimism about

KP Caretaker Minister

Caretaker Minister Syed Aamir Abdullah Pledges Development for Merged Districts. The caretaker minister for Industry and Commerce, Tribal Affairs, and Technical Education in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Aamir Abdullah, has affirmed the government's commitment to utilizing all available resources for the development of merged districts. He expressed the goal of bringing these regions to the same level of development as other districts within the province. Syed Amir Abdullah highlighted that the caretaker provincial government, led by Chief Minister Muhammad

Azam Khan, is diligently

KP the prospects of receiving positive news in this regard.

These statements were made by the Provincial Minister during his address to the District Jirga in Kalaya, Orakzai district, where he also received a briefing from the Deputy Commissioner on the district's development and law and order. Minister Abdullah commended the district government's efforts to enhance the welfare of the local population and stressed the importance of providing maximum facilities in alignment with the government's vision for the merged districts.

During the visit, the provincial minister assured Orakzai district leaders of his intent to facilitate pursuing federal funding proper training for local for the merged districts. He



visiting different stalls during the 2nd Gilgit-**Baltistan Career Fest 2023.**

'Newspaper Readership Day

In an age of rapid information dissemination, newspapers continue to hold special place Readership Day'

Independent Report PESHĀWAR:

National N e w s p a p e r s Readership Day', we celebrate the value of printed news in our

lives. In a world increasingly driven by digital media, this day serves as a reminder of the irreplaceable role newspapers play in shaping our society. In an age of rapid

dissemination, newspapers continue to hold a special place.

They provide credible information in an ocean misinformation.

With seasoned journalists editorial standards, newspapers are an example of truth and accountability. 'National Newspapers

observed every year on 25th September is an opportunity to salute the editors, reporters photographers, and countless others who work tirelessly to deliver the news to our doorstep every

day. nt media serve as a platform for dialogue, debate, and the exchange of ideas,

nurturing a sense of national identity. Today, I would like to address the vital role of a free press in upholding the principles o f democracy, particularly in the context of free and

the Minister of Information, it is imperative to emphasize significance of an

fair elections.

independent and responsible media in ensuring the integrity of our electoral processes.

and fair elections are the cornerstone of a vibrant a c c o u n t a b l e government. They provide citizens with

In a democratic society, free

the opportunity to voice their preferences choose their leaders.

tion Secretary Imtiaz Wani in a statement issued in Islamabad, said Pakistan has always exposed the war

All Parties Hurriyat Con-

ference Azad Jammu and

Kashmir (APHC-AJK)

chapter has thanked the

Pakistan government and

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar for

strongly highlighting the

atrocities of Indian soldiers

on innocent Kashmiris in

occupied Jammu and Kash-

mir and the Kashmir dis-

the Prime Minister

pute in the United Nations General Assembly and at the international level. APHC-AJK Informa-

LAHORE: Governor Punjab Syed Mohsin Raza

Naqvi talking with media persons at Sufi Saint

Hazrat Mian Mir Shrine, during annual URS Sufi

'Pakistan has always

exposed India's war crimes

in occupied Kashmir'

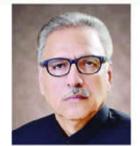
Saint Hazrat Mian Mir, in Provincial Capital.

ISLAMABAD (INP): The crimes of Indian soldiers in occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Jammu and Kashmir has its own forest law. He demanded that the United Nations agencies take immediate action on the war crimes committed by the Indian Army in the occupied territory.

He demanded of the United Nations agencies to take immediate action on the war crimes committed by the Indian troops in the occupied territory. He said India is violating international laws and regulations in occupied Jammu and Kashmir but the Kashmiri

NATIONAL **NEWSPAPER** READERSHIP





Dr. Arif Alvi

I extend my sincere congratulations to all newspaper readers and the All-Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) on the occasion of National Newspaper Readership Day. Reading newspapers has a greater educative value as they provide us knowledge and information about the social, economic, and political issues as well as sports, culture and entertainment. They educate the readers about the developments taking place in the national and international arena and broaden the mental horizon of the readers. Besides, newspapers play important role in shaping public opinion and influencing and guiding the decision-makers by pro-

viding their input and insight. It is an established fact that newspapers are effective means of communication and can change perceptions and opinions of the society. So, they should play their role in reformation of society by bringing positive changes and behavioral improvement. The world is facing multiple economic and social challenges, including health issues and the scourge of fake news. In order to address these challenges, newspapers need to educate the readers and raise awareness among them about the social issues such as the growing population, women's rights of inheritance and their socio-economic empowerment, apart from guiding the people about breast cancer and mental health and disability issues. Additionally, the society is facing the dilemma of moral and ethical degradation and it is the responsibility of all means of communication to promote good values, tolerance, mutual respect, brotherhood and unity among the

In today's world, fake news is the greatest challenge being faced by the world and it requires the collective efforts of all segments of the society, including media, scholars, writers and religious leaders to discourage the menace of fake news. Furthermore, the journalistic ethics demands to avoid biased reporting and publish news stories with truthfulness, accuracy and impartiality. We must preserve this important source of information that keeps us informed about the important events and developments taking place across the globe.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the All-Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) for their commitment to celebrating National Newspaper Readership Day, I am confident that this initiative will significantly contribute to nurturing the habit of reading among our people, empowering them with the knowledge and insight to make informed decisions for a better fu-



Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

Today, we celebrate the "National Newspaper Readership Day" to recognize the importance and the utility of reading newspapers as a reliable source of news and information. Newspapers have long been a cornerstone of democracy, which provides us with valuable information, diverse perspectives, and a platform for public

Despite the growth of electronic and digital media, newspapers still play a significant role in creating awareness and educating the people about various economic and social issues. Currently, the world is facing the challenge of fake news. The role of newspapers has become even more important to discourage the spread of fake news. By objective reporting and adhering to the principles of responsible, impartial, truthful, impartial and accountable journalism, newspapers are the best tool to fight disinformation and fake

Newspapers also provide an in-depth analyses, investigative reporting, and thought-provoking opinion pieces that contribute to a reasonable understanding of the world around us. The news stories are filed after proper research that are once more filtered through a rigorous editorial check for accuracy before publication. This feature distinguishes newspapers and make the print medium more credible source of information.

On this special day, I would like to express my gratitude to all the journalists, editors, and newspaper staff who work tirelessly to bring us the news every day. Their dedication to the pursuit of truth and their commitment to upholding the principles of journalism commendable.

I encourage my fellow citizens to support the newspaper industry through subscription to newspapers. Through this gesture, we would not only gain access to reliable sources of information but would also contribute to the sustainability of this important institution of our society.

I deeply appreciate the remarkable initiative of the All Pakistan Newspaper Society to celebrate 25 September as the National Newspaper Readership



Murtaza Solangi Caretaker Minister of Information & Broadcasting

I feel honoured to congratulate the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) on declaring 25th September as the National Newspaper Readership Day which is certainly indicative of the priority that the industry accords to the newspaper readership. I am of the opinion that in the era of fake news and after the advent of social media, the newspaper readership has attained even more importance for authentic reporting. If put in comparison with other media of information, the print media still possesses unequivocal significance in terms of the veracity of information and news.

With the advent of social media, it was speculated that newspapers would become obsolete and redundant. However, with the dissemination of fake news and misinformation, newspapers became more important and relevant than ever, because the print media is based on facts, and the newspapers still have the system of editorial control to check fake news

In addition to fake news and the storming of social media, the electronic media, too, is scrambling for breaking news and complaints of providing and promoting fake news with little factuality. Therefore, I believe that the habit of newspaper reading should be instilled in our people once again. Taking recourse to history, the newspaper echoed the voice of our people that imbibed the spirit of freedom and independence which eventually culminated in the establishment of Pakistan in 1947. Those newspapers were at the forefront to fight for our independence and helped to unite the nation towards the single aim of achieving our separate homeland. Today, I take pride in stating that our newspapers have grown and developed themselves over the years, and can stand any competition whatsoever, with any international newspa-

pers across the globe. On behalf of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, I appreciate the efforts of the APNS for observing the National Newspaper Readership Day in acquainting the nation with the significance of newspaper reading. There is no gainsaying that the newspapers are a source of reliable and authentic information in an era of massive proliferation of fake news and it is encouraging to see that the newspapers have upheld their authenticity, credibility, and reliability, despite the advent of digital media. Moreover, the newspapers also helped in effectively putting Pakistan's stance across the globe. Lastly, I reiterate the Government's resolve to promote freedom of expression and urge the print media fraternity to join hands with the Government to develop an educated and enlightened nation.



Mohsin Naqvi

Newspapers are the most authentic source of accurate information, and therefore have been, are, and will remain an important part of every society. The importance of newspapers in raising public awareness is unquestionable.

Newspapers have played a pivotal role in every society in promoting free democratic values. In the Pakistan Movement. newspapers played a crucial role in raising awareness among the people of the importance of a separate homeland.

In developed societies, newspapers are still printed and sold with great enthusiasm. The habit of reading newspapers has declined in the digital age, but it cannot be completely eradicated. Newspapers provide easy and affordable access to accurate and authentic information. Despite the rise of electronic and digital media, newspapers remain a great source of information for readers.

By reading newspapers, one can gain awareness of various economic and social issues. Reading newspapers also expands the reader's exposure to language and vocabulary.

Newspapers are the most authentic source of accurate information, therefore newspapers were, are and will remain an important part of every society. The importance of newspapers for raising public awareness is unquestionable. Newspapers have played an unforgettable role in every society for the promotion of free democratic values. In Pakistan movement. newspapers played an important role in raising awareness of the importance of a separate homeland among the people. In developed societies, newspapers are still being printed and sold with full gusto. The habit of newspaper reading, has diminished in the digital age, but it cannot be eradicated by any means. Newspapers provide easy and affordable access to accurate and authentic information. Despite electronic and digital media, newspapers are still a great source of information for readers. By studying newspapers one gets awareness of various economic and social issues. The reader's access to the language and vocabulary is also widened by reading newspa-



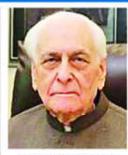
Justice (Retd.) Maqbool Bagar Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh

I would like to take this

opportunity to congratulate the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) for celebrating National Newspaper Readership Day, highlighting the importance of newspaper readership in the country. National Newspaper Readership Day is an extremely relevant day to establish and promote the habit of reading in Pakistan. In this digital age and time, one cannot deny the importance of newspapers as they provide us with news with facts and information with sources. The Government of Sindh wholeheartedly supports the National Newspaper Readership Day and urges the entire nation to develop a habit of reading newspapers and checking facts before falling prey to fake news

hands for this cause of combatting fake news. We should also instill the habit of reading newspapers in our children as well so that they grow up to become responsible and socially aware citizens of Pakistan. With this, I would like to once again appreciate the step taken by APNS and acknowledge their efforts for the said cause. Here's wishing to celebrate National Newspaper Readership Day for years and

and rumors. Let's just join



Muhammad Azam Khan Caretaker Chief Minister KP

It is a shatter of pleasure that the All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS) has declared 25th September as "National Newspaper Readership Day"; and has been celebrating the day since 2019 for which it deserves appreciation.

The initiative will help highlight the importance of newspaper readership, and promote the habit of reading in the country which is, unfortunately, declining due to the mushroom growth of social and digital media. Social and digital media have changed the very dynamics of communication and dissemination of information, resulting in manipulated and out-of-context messages, news, and information, causing fears, conflicts, and con-

troversies In view of the above facts, the relevance of Print Media can hardly be underestimated. The new media might have brought about revolution, but the Print Media still remains the most credible and authentic source of information when it comes to disseminating news and information. Promotion of reading habits among citizens will effectively, combat the challenges posed by the unchecked onslaught of fake news.

The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa firmly believes in the fundamental and dom of the press and considers an independent and free media absolutely imperative for a developed and civilized society We also believe that with-

out freedom of the press and ensuring people's right to know, our cherished goal of a strong and democratic Pakistan cannot be materialized. I appreciate the initiative

of the APNS, and 1 am confident that celebrating this day would encourage more and more people to opt for reading and have a shared understanding of issues of national importance.



Mir Ali Mardan Khan Domki

We are living in a dynamic world, which is, at the pinacle of the technological advancement where mobile phone has replaced number of things that used to be integral part of everyone's daily

In addition to affecting variety of other things, the latest technological innovations have caused a dramatic fall in newspaper readership, one of life's essential neces-

It has becoming more challenging to distinguish between true credible and factual reporting and misinformation falshood with the introduction of new

trends in digital media. The rapid development of social media and technology, particularly widely available mobile phone technology, unfortunately, has led to a significant fall in

newspaper readership The phoney and negligent social media platforms have filled the void left by the decline in newspaper readership and accurate reporting of events, wreaking havoc on society. The general public needed to be made acutely aware of the sensitive nature of the problems that were putting the entire society in danger.

The All Pakistan Newspapers Society deserves praise for picking up the reins and embarking on a protracted campaign to revive the once-common practise of newspaper reading.

I, appreciate the efforts of APNS for the revival to the newspaper readership habits. However, it is our collective responsibility that we need to encourage and educate our people about developing reading habits as it contributes greatly towards the intellectual development of the nation.

I, commend APNS for honouring "National Newspaper Readerp Day" in order to educate the public about the value of reading newspapers on behalf of the Balochistani government. Newspapers are unquestionably a source of trustworthy and accurate information in a time when fake news is widely dissem-

To mark the occasion, I call upon every segment of the society to contribute to APNS's noble cause and help spread the habit of

inated.

Instead of relying on phoney and irresponsible news, let's turn to real, thoroughly researched, and well-informed content.

I sincerely hope that our serious attempts to revive newspaper reading habits would put an end to the fierce rivalry of false information and fake news.

Crucial Role of Newspapers in Combating **Fake News & Upholding Democracy**

rticle 19 of the Consti- sites, many of which grapple hope, guaranteeing fundamental freedoms that underpin a thriving democracy. It highlights the rights to freedom of speech, expression, and a free press, safeguarding these rights against reasonable re-This provision constitutes the bedrock upon which the democratic edifice of Pakistan stands, allowing its citizens to be wellinformed and active participants in the nation's growth.

Article 19-A of the constitution further strengthens the right to information. It affirms paragons of accurate and robust that every citizen shall have the right to access information on all matters of public importance, subject to regulation and reasonable restrictions imposed by the law. Together, these constitutional provisions underscore the critical role of newspapers and journalism in a democratic society.

The cornerstone of a robust and vibrant democracy lies in the unfettered freedom of expression and a free press. Independent newspapers with unwavering editorial policies and steadfast adherence to journalistic ethics play an indispensable role in strengthening the has become even more promi-

tution of Pakistan with issues of credibility, truthstands as a beacon of fulness, and relevance in the dissemination of news and information.

Newspapers, in particular, occupy a unique and irreplaceable space within a democratic system. They serve as catalysts for constructive debate, offering strictions imposed by the law. a platform for diverse segments of society to voice their opinions on matters of political, economic, religious, social, and other policy concerns. In a media landscape comprising television, radio, print, and online sources, newspapers have established themselves as reporting, independence, and accountability. Intergraf, a prominent Euro-

pean printing industry association, underscores the democratic importance of printed newspapers within the European Union. Printed newspapers reach an estimated 30% of people in the EU-27, encompassing more than 130 million individuals. This outreach ensures the participation and informed decision-making of all citizens in public debates and elections, preserving their right to choose how they consume news and information.

In a democracy, principles democratic fabric of any nation. such as the rule of law, citizens' The significance of newspapers rights, fair and free elections, and the protection of individual nent in the face of the recent rights can only be upheld and proliferation of digital media safeguarded through a free

them insights into politics, parties, politicians, and their policies so the citizens can make well-informed and well-thought decisions. This becomes even more important in view of our own general elections scheduled for January 2024.

Journalists employed by newspapers possess formidable array of skills, including research acumen and critical thinking. The best journalists know which questions to ask, which leads to pursue, and how to rigorously fact-check their findings. Another pivotal role of a free press is to serve as a watchdog over governments and powerful institutions, exposing instances of corruption and violations of human rights a duty that is indispensable for the health of democracy.

The enduring confidence expressed by readers in the factual content of newspapers underscores their continued relevance, even in the digital age.

According to the Eurobarometer survey on fake news and disinformation, the traditional media including print, television and radio remains the most trusted source of news at 60% + for each media. In contrast, online sources of news are the least trusted at 26%.

In an age dominated by social media, where misinformation and sensationalism often run rampant, newspapers stand as bastions of authenticity, wellresearched reporting, and fact-

educators for voters, providing based journalism. They adhere concentration, and critical to rigorous editorial standards thinking compared to reading

verifiable facts and statistics. This commitment to accuracy and reliability not only bolsters democracy by providing citizens with trustworthy information but also contributes to the de-

and invest in thorough investi- from screens. The transition gations, ensuring that the sto- from paper to digital is not neuries they publish are backed by tral; comprehension and concentration are often stronger when reading from paper, particularly when time constraints Furthermore, a meta-study

years to come.

involving 54 studies with over



velopment of a more informed 170,000 participants indicates and responsible society. In the battle against fake news, newspapers remain a beacon of sistently more effective when truth, serving as a vital counterbalance to the unchecked spread of misinformation on social media platforms.

pean E-Read on the impact of digitization on reading practices, known as the Stavanger tributing to personal well-being. Declaration, suggests that detailed and research-based stories in newspapers offer superior benefits for comprehension, reach a wide audience, regard-

that comprehension of longform informational text is conread on paper than on screens. Reading newspapers, whether in print or digitally, has farreaching effects beyond mere Research conducted over information consumption, inthe last four years by the Euro- cluding fostering mental focus, patience, discipline, enhancing linguistic knowledge, and con-

> Newspapers, as the oldest mass communication medium, have the unparalleled ability to

less of income or educational background. They have traditionally served as invaluable sources of information about local, regional, national, and international events. Beyond merely presenting facts, newspapers excel at interpreting and explaining complex issues, offering readers a nuanced understanding of various topics.

Newspapers also play a vital role in raising public awareness. They have been instrumental in educating the masses on health, commerce, education, social responsibilities, public safety laws, environmental concerns, hygiene, labor rights, disaster management, and civic issues. Newspapers have consistently defended citizens' rights, especially during times of military dictatorship or civilian government challenge

Beyond their role in information dissemination, newspapers facilitate social activities, such as matrimonial and personal advertisements, becoming an indispensable part of daily life. Classified advertisements, community announcements, and communal notices constitute significant components of newspaper content. Features on sports, education, campus news, cultural events, music, dance, drama, literature, and fine arts enrich the reading experience, offering comprehensive insights into the happenings in the

Modern newspapers allocate

space for readers to voice their opinions through letters to the editor sections. This should be considered as the initial example of citizens journalism that allows readers to express their grievances or appreciation concerning reports or incidents within society. Additionally, newspapers inform readers about political activities, new laws, rules, and regulations that

impact society. For students, reading newspapers is particularly advantageous. It exposes them to a wide range of topics, enhances their oratory skills, and fosters active participation in speeches, debates, and conversations. Daily newspaper reading not only broadens students' understanding but also improves their vocabulary and familiarity with various writing styles and reporting techniques, which they may not find through social media news formats.

Given the pivotal role newspapers play in fostering an informed citizenry and preserving democratic values, it is imperative that the government extends its support to print industry by providing special grants, concession on printing paper and material, reasonable advertisements as compared to other communication media as it is the easiest, most accessible and less cost medium for creating awareness in the masses besides providing education, information and entertainment to the

UNGA Session

Caretaker PM vociferously spells out Pakistan's views on regional, global perspectives, generating wider

Caretaker Prime Minister forthright viewpoints Anwaar-ul-Haq Karkar has emphatically conveyed Pakistan's views on key regional and global issues, during his recently concluded five-day visit to New York, where he addressed the 78th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, besides holding sidelines meetings with the world leaders. Contrary to the impression created by a section of media regarding the prime minister's visit, the successfully marked visit drew immense interest among the world leaders and governments religious fanatics are not

which were broadly highlighted by the international

The visit was also marked with prominence amidst Canadian prime minister announcing Indian state's role behind a gruesome murder of Khalistan Sikh leader in Canada.

In New York, PM Kakar told the world leaders about 'India's rogue behaviour' which vindicated Pakistan's persistent stance about alarming rise of extremists ruling saffron junta of RSS-inspired BJP whose only hell bent upon persedia, but also the growing Hindu supremacist trend poses an existential threat to the regional and global

The prime minister's views were acknowledged by his diverse audience as the Western countries voiced their concerns over the Indian state sponsored murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Sikh leader and Canadian citizen after the irrefutable evidences keep emerging. The prime minister mentioned Kashmir, Islamophobia, financial inequality, Covid triggered inflation, climate change, peace in Afghanistan, UN

cuting the minorities in In- role and reforms, and terrorism issues, in his address to the UNGA session. Being the first interim prime minister to represent Pakistan at the world body, Kakar held important discussions with Iranian President, UN Secretary General, Chinese Vice President, President of Uzbekistan and heads of different financial institutions on the sidelines of the UNGA 78. In a bilateral meeting with President of Iran Ebrahim Raisi, the caretaker prime minister reaffirmed Pakistan's strong commitment to further strengthen and deepen ties with the brotherly country.

ISLAMABAD (APP):

The Pakistan Navy has

commissioned the first

MILGEM Ship PNS

BABUR at the commis-

sioning ceremony held at

Istanbul Naval Šhipyard,

Turkiye. The event was

graced by the Minister of

National Defence Turkiye

Yasar Güler and Defence

Minister of Pakistan Lieu-

tenant General ® Anwar

Ali Hyder as chief guests

flanked by Chief of the

Naval Staff Admiral

Muhammad Amjad Khan

Niazi, a Pakistan Navy

news release said on Sun-

day. Addressing on the oc-

casion, Turkish Defence



Minister of National Defence Turkiye, Defence Minister of Pakistan Lt. Gen (retd) Anwar Ali Hyder and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi in a group photo alongwith commissioning crew onboard newly commissioned PNS BABUR.

Ministry of National De-

fence of Turkiye, ASFAT

and Pakistan Navy for the

synergized efforts to make

the project a success and

congratulated all teams on

the successful commissioning of 1st MILGEM Ship.

lationship between Paki-

stan and Turkiye is unique

because of deep rooted his-

torical ties between the two

brotherly countries, hence

cooperation shall continue in

future as well. Speaking on the

occasion, Chief of the Naval

Staff Admiral Muhammad

Amjad Khan Niazi underlined

that PN MILGEM Ships fit-

Tiger strays into Parachinar

bazaar,

injures two

PARACHINAR (INP):

Two people were injured

after a tiger attacked them

at a bazaar in Parachinar,

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

(KP) on Sunday morning.

keepers managed to cage

the animal in a shop. Ac-

cording to District Forest

Officer Wildlife Munsif

Ali, the injured people were

shifted to Parachinar Hos-

pital. Soon after the inci-

dent, a team of the Wildlife

However, the shop-

ted with state-of-the-art.

He added that the re-



QUETTA: Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Amir Muhammad Khan Jogezai listening problems of patients during his visit to BMC hospital.

Caretaker CM directs to expand medical services of BICHQ for making it exemplary center

Independent Report

QUETTA: The caretaker Chief Minister Mir Ali Mardan Domki has directed to the concerned authorities to expand the medical services of Balochistan Institute of Child Healthcare Quetta (BICHQ) for making it an exemplary institution of children diseases.

The Chief Minister was speaking on occasion of the surprise visit to BICHQ on Sunday.

He reviewed the medical treatment facilities avail-

lim League (N) leader Malik

Ahmed Khan has said that

NAB and Pakistan cannot

to the media in London,

PML-N leader Malik

Ahmed Khan said that the

NAB law is a cause of di-

This position of Asif

go together.

able at the Institute. occasion were Secretary Health, Asfandyar Yar Kakar and Chief Executive Officer of BICHQ, Habibullah Babar besides other concerned.

It was informed to the Chief Minister that new CT scan machine has been purchased while the whole hospital has been solarized.

With this, the amount otherwise spent on account cal services at the institute.

not meet him during his

personal work. He said that

NAB's decision is not

ready to sign any file with

He came to London for

Civil servants are not

stay at the hotel.

against Pakistan.

this law of NAB.

Moreover, new block Also present on the is also in last stages of completion costing Rs. 1.5 billion. The work on new block would be completed by wend of October this year, it was informed fur-

> Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister directed to install the CT scan in the hospital immediately

The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction over the pace of work of under of the utility bills would be construction block besides utilized for improving medi- making the energy system solarized in the hospital.

KARACHI: Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori presenting the shield to the caretaker Federal Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs Shamshad Akhtar at the Governor House. **UNDP** holds workshop with

media to foster awareness in combating HIV/AIDS stigma

Independent Report QUETTA: Intending to combat the prevailing stigma surrounding HIV/ AIDS, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) organized a workshop for media professionals in Quetta. The initiative is part of UNDP's larger drive to foster accurate and sensitive reporting on the subject, contributing to broader awareness and understanding within the community. This was the fifth engagement with the national-level media, and UNDP has earlier held workshops for media in Islamabad, Peshawar, Lahore, and Karachi.

The workshop commenced with a recital from the Holy Quran, setting a contemplative tone for the discussions. Mubashir Akram introduced the workshop structure, pro-viding participants with an outline of the sessions.

Taking the stage next,

Office, UNDP Balochistan, provided insights about the HIV prevention project with AIDS control program. "Our efforts in Balochistan are geared towards not just controlling the spread of HIV/AIDS, but also altering the narrative surrounding the condition," he stated. Durrani also stressed the importance of community engagement and acknowledged the media's role in disseminating correct information, saying, "Every story that is told right brings us one step closer to a stigma-free society." Summayyah Rasheed, Program Officer Stigma and Discrimination briefed the audience on the overall scope of the UNDP project sponsored by the Global Fund. "This initiative represents a collabora-

tive endeavor to end the

spread HIV but the associated discrimination," said Rasheed. She added, "With

Pak Navy commissions first

MILGEM Ship PNS BABUR

Minister termed the broth-

erly Pakistan-Turkiye rela-

tions as exemplary and ac-

knowledged the potential

for further collaboration in

the field of defence produc-

tion. He lauded the efforts

and remarkable work done

by Istanbul Naval Shipyard

and ASFAT (Turkish

Firm). He also thanked the

Government of Pakistan

and Pakistan Navy for ex-

ceptional support during the recent devastating

Defence Minister of Paki-

stan admired the collabora-

tion of the Ministry of De-

fence Production Pakistan,

During his address, the

earthquakes at Turkiye.



QUETTA: DG new Tech Hussain Magsi is inspecting the verification test of skilled persons who are going to Saudi Arabia.

Martyred soldier laid to rest with military honour

funeral prayers of, Shaheed, Sepoy Shakeel Shafqat who embraced martyrdom a day earlier during an intelligencebased operation against the

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Khanewal district. The martyr was buried with full military honours, an Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) news release said. Military and civil of-



terrorists in Mir Ali area of tive village Kabirwala of

ficials, relatives of the mar-North Waziristan, were of- tyr and people from differfered on Sunday in his na- ent walks of life attended the funeral prayer, it said

PPP, Senate once again face off secretariat

ISLAMABAD (Online): because the requisition is Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani not signed by the required Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani has refused to call the meeting on the second requisition of the People's Party because the People's Party did not succeed in completing the required 25 members for the meeting and the members of the other parties signed the requisition has now taken

The PPP and the Senate Secretariat have come face to face again on the issue of convening the Senate meeting on the requisimembers

For this reason, the Chairman Senate Sadiq Sanjrani is also reluctant to

call the meeting.
On the other hand, the position of the Senate Secretariat is that the members of other parties included in the re-submitted requisition have withdrawn, including Sadia Abbasi, Abida Hidayatullah, Azim, Muhammad Qasim and Omar Farooq.
He has withdrawn his

tion of the People's Party name from the requisition.

Accountability Court restores 22 NAB references

RAWALPINDI (INP): The reference and corruption Rawalpindi Accountability Court has restored 22 NAB references, which will be heard on Monday, September 25, in compliance with the Supreme Court's order declaring the NAB amendments null and void.

The accused of all the references have been summoned to the court after issuing notices. The NAB prosecutor said that the accused who finished the case from jail will be sent to Adiala jail again. Accused of 8 cases will be charged. All

cases were restored. Accountability Court

Judge Raja Qamar Zaman accepted the request to reopen the references. Summoning notices to the accused in all 22 references are being delivered to the respective police stations today. The court ordered that the summon notices should also be made to comply with the accused today. The court has also called for additional police force on the

occasion of the hearing of 22

references reopened on



KHALIQABAD: Provincial Advisor for Irrigation Mir Danish Lango being briefed about machinery during his visit to Khaliqabad Hospital.

Pakistan's envoy presents credentials to **Queen of** Denmark

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to Denmark Shoaib Sarwar has presented his credentials to Her Majesty Queen of Denmark, Margarethe 2 on Friday (September 22) in Copenhagen. Ambassador Sarwar, before his appointment as Ambassador to Denmark, served at Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad as Joint Secretary, a press release received here on Sunday said. During his diplomatic career, Shoaib Sarwar has earlier served in Canada. Netherlands and USA. He holds BA(Hons) from University of Kent in United Kingdom and MBA from New York University, USA

GoB takes notice of police cops torture on a citizen

Independent Report QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has taken notice of the torture on a citizen by police personnel in Shahbaz Town

area on Sunday. According to an official hand out issued here, the provincial government has ordered to the Inspector General of Police to conduct an inquiry into the matter and take action against those involved in the torture. In this regard, the caretaker Provincial Minister for Information, Jan Achakzai said that the government took notice of the matter after a video of torture on the citizen got viral. He asserted that such

tolerable with the citizens. He said that government has issued directives to Inspector General of Police to inquire the matter and take stern action against those involved in the torture.

He said that the differences between police and public may increase with such untoward incidents, however, the government would not let this happen because of mistake of any personal. It may be mentioned here that the police along with QESCO had raided Shahbaz town area of Quetta on Sunday. During the action, police tortured a citizen allegedly involved in electricity theft when he refused to go with

Special anti-polio campaign kicks off in Killa Abdullah, Chaman & six UCs of Pishin today

Independent Report QUETTA: The special

anti-polio campaign is scheduled to start in Killa Abdullah and Chaman districts and six union councils of Pishin district from today (Monday).

Emergency Operation Center for Polio Eradication, the campaign is being launched to vaccinate over 170,000 children below five years of age during the cam-

The EOC sources said

that whole districts of Killa 2023 Abdullah and Chaman while six union councils of Pishin district would be covered in the special campaign that would remain

continued for seven days. In all 449 mobile teams According to the along with other fix and transit points teams have been formed for the special cam-

Moreover, a fullfledged countrywide antipolio campaign is also due paign would also remain to be started all over the

The necessary arrangements are being made for the campaign. During the campaign, around 2.6 million children would be administered the anti-poloi

polio vaccine, the Vitamin A drops would also be administered to the children. the EOC sources informed.

In addition to the anti-

This national camcontinued for seven days province from October 2, after starting on October 2.

saster for Pakistan. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi He is friendly with was also asked to abolish Caretaker Prime Minister this law through Parliament. October 21 won't be a good day, Faisal Vawda

NAB & Pakistan cannot

go together, Zardari's

position is correct

LONDON (Online): Mus- Anwar Haq Kakar, but did

Zardari is correct, Talking against politicians but

nior politician Faisal Vawda while warning Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supremo and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif that October 21 will not be a good day for him said that the country cannot progress unless 18 political leaders are pun-

ished. Speaking in a private Tv channel program, he said he is the one who will decide which party to join, emphasizing that no party will make that choice for him. Rejecting the rumors that he had sought governorship position, he said that there is misinformation circulating about him.

Vawda clarified that he is currently not affiliating with any political party and asserted that he will make not be transparent either.

Terming the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) as homeopathic, he said that the previous elections were not transparent, and the next elections will

warns Nawaz Sharif

he acknowledged interim figure and mentioned that ments are of a temporary from 12 to 17 months, primarily influenced by the Democratic Movement

pendently, based on his own understanding and assessment of the situa-Expressing his views on the political landscape,

Prime Minister Anwarul Haq Kakar as a prominent current political developnature, with the upcoming government expected to serve for a duration ranging wishes of the Pakistan

Gift of Umrah ticket to Pak artist who painted portrait of Saudi Prince

LAHORE (Online): Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Maliki, has gifted a ticket for Umrah to Pakistani artist Omar Jaral, who created the portrait of Crown Prince Muhammad

bin Salman According to Arab media report, 33-year-old Omar Jaral suffers from cerebral palsy (CP) and uses a computer to communi-

Saudi Ambassador Nawaf bin Saeed Al-Maliki met Umar Jaral in Lahore at an event organized on the occasion of the 93rd National Day of Saudi Arabia.

First snowfall in Neelum Valley ushers in snap winter feel

(INP): The Neelum Valley has received the first snowfall of the year.

Ratti Gali Lake, Baboon Valley and Shounter Lake have received snowfall. The first snowfall has ushered in winter in the upper areas of Neelum Val-

Tourists in large numbers were seen at Ratti Gali Lake, Baboon Valley, Chitta Katha Lake, and Patlian

The weather became pleasant as different cities of Punjab including Lahore received light rain today.



HUB: Members of Sikh Community protesting against killing of Hardeen Sindh in front of Lasbella Press Club.